

London Regional Transfusion Committee

CONFIRMED Minutes of London Regional Transfusion Team Meeting Thursday 11th January 2018 14:00-16:30

Present:

Phil Kelly (PK) (Chair)	Consultant Physician, Kings College Hospital
Shubha Allard (SA)	Consultant Haematologist, Barts Health NHS Trust & NHSBT
Fatts Chowdhury (FC)	Consultant Haematologist, Imperial NHS Trust & NHSBT
Sandy Kidd (SK)	Consultant Anaesthetist, Epsom & St. Helier NHS Trust
Gavin Cho (GC)	Consultant in Donor Medicine, NHSBT
Andrina Dowling (AD)	Quality Manager, Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust
Mandy Hobson (MH)	Transfusion Practitioner, Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust
Ethan Troy-Barnes (ETB)	CT1, Imperial College NHS Trust
Clare Denison (CD)	PBM Practitioner, NHSBT
Sasha Wilson (SW)	PBM Practitioner, NHSBT
Richard Whitmore (RW)	CSM, NHSBT
Deepa Takhar (DT)	CSM, NHSBT

Apologies:

Wendy McSporran (WM)	Transfusion Practitioner, Royal Marsden NHS Trust
Ciara Donohue (CDon)	Consultant Anaesthetist, Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust
Toby Richards (TR)	Consultant Vascular Surgeon, University College London
Ravi Raobaikady (RR)	Consultant Anaesthetist, Royal Marsden Hospital

Non-Attendees

Nic Ketley (NK)	Consultant Haematologist, Queen Elizabeth Woolwich Hospital
Julia Stanger (JS)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, NW London NHS Trust

Minute Secretary:

Angela Pumfrey (AP)	London RTC Administrator
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1. Welcomes and Apologies

Welcomes: Sasha Wilson was welcomed as the new PBMP for London and Deepa Takhar as the new CSM at Colindale. Ethan Troy-Barnes has joined the Committee.
Departures: Rachel Moss has stepped down from the Committee

2. Minutes and Actions of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 21/09/17 were accepted as an accurate record.

ACTION: AP to arrange for minutes to be uploaded to JPAC website

Outstanding Actions from September Meeting:

Action 2 – Email SHOT re. shared care incidents: Done. Hema Mistry has sent SA a list of areas within SHOT reports that have focused on errors associated with shared care. She will also do a more formal analysis. AD will feed this back to the TAG. It was requested that SA feedback to the group the results of the formal analysis when completed. RW reported that NHSBT is encouraging labs to use generic, shared email accounts so that emails will always be picked up regardless of who is working.

Action: SA to feedback the outcome of the SHOT formal analysis.

Action 6f – Coventry MH DVD: The film will be uploaded to You Tube in the near future.

Action 6g – St. Helier consent incident: SK will send this to AP this week.

Action 7 – Archive section on website: It is not possible to create an archive section. No presentations or minutes older than 2 years should be kept on the website.

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Action: PK will raise the concerns the group has about the website to the NBTC RTC Chairs meeting.

Action 8a – Sharing of trauma group work: SA has emailed James Uprichard, but no reply as yet. FC and SW will follow up with him. SA and SW have discussed reviewing the section on the website devoted to the London and SE Trauma Working Group. It is not possible to create a new heading, but the work that the trauma group has done should definitely be updated on the website.

This led to a discussion about how many hits the website gets and how we can make it more popular with hospital staff. Suggestions were as follows:

- Alert our RTC contacts every time there is something new on the website.
- Include new website items on the national PBM newsletter.
- Every month a trainee will be given the opportunity to write a 400-word article that will be of interest to other trainees. PK, ETB and SK will talk about this further outside of the meeting.

Action: FC and SW to follow up sharing of trauma group work with James Uprichard.

Action: PK, ETB & SK to discuss trainees writing articles for the website

Action 8a - TAG using website: They have reported that the website is hard to use.

Action 8b(3) – Recruiting to PREVENTT: TR was asked, but not present to give an update.

Action 8d – Link to consultation paper on pathology optimisation: SA still to send link

Post-Meeting Note: Link is below:

<https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/pathology-networks/>

<https://www.rcpath.org/profession/consolidation.html>

3. Lab Manager Update

RW gave an update. Shared care remains their main issue. They also discussed education and the BMS empowerment group. The coloured lids of sample bottles will be changing to bring us in line with other European countries. The current pink bottles will be used for fasting blood sugar.

4. TP Update

CD feedback from their October meeting. WM is stepping down as the Chair. She will be replaced by Samantha Conran. It was suggested that we invite Samantha to join the RTT meeting, especially as Rachel Moss has stepped down.

It was clarified that Anna Li is the link between the TP group and the TAG group.

Action: PK to invite Samantha Conran to join the RTT.

5. PBM Projects

a) Reducing Iatrogenic Anaemia

WM was not at the meeting to comment on whether she spoke with the IBMS. AD feels this is a cost issue and has noticed that hospitals are reducing the amount of tests they do. Before pathology networks existed, the costs of tests were absorbed by the hospital's budget, but this is no longer the case and Trusts now see the real cost of each test. If hospitals knew the cost of every test, they would stop requesting so many. RW thinks some networks only want to do the most necessary tests.

The use of fat-thin tubes and encouraging medical staff to think about whether a test is necessary is a national issue not just a London one

6. RTC Work Plan

a) October 2017 RTC

Overall evaluation attached with the agenda. Top Box Score of 100% for the business meeting. The education session scored Top Box Scores of 94% and above

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b) BMS Education Days Nov 2017

Overall evaluation attached with the agenda. Top Box Score for both days combined was 100%.

c) May 2018 RTC Education Session

The group agreed that the theme will be major incidents. The organising team will be SW, FC and RW. SW will set up a telecon. SK mentioned that he has a very engaging talk from an anaesthetist at St. George's Hospital which he will forward to them. It was suggested to have debriefings from some of the hospitals involved in the most recent incidents both here and abroad.

Should we invite Adrian Newland to speak about the pathology optimisation programme as he was not able to attend the October meeting?

Action: SW to set up telecon

Action: SK to send presentation from anaesthetist at St. George's Hospital

d) TP Education Day 2018

There will be an education day planned for 2018.

e) London Platelet Action Group

Sarah Clark has stepped down as the Chair. She will be replaced by Kelly Nwankiti at the next meeting on 7th February. CD has been liaising with the London Deanery regarding the date for the SpR education day in October 2018. Next issue of LoPAG newsletter will be circulated when finalised.

f) BMS Education & Empowerment Group

Will meet soon to discuss what to do for the coming year. The education days will be held in November again.

g) Nurse Authorisation Group

Nothing to report, but the Chair has started a new job so not known what will happen to the group. Rebecca Patel was suggested to chair the group.

h) Patient Information & Consent

Nothing to report. The group has no Chair at the moment. The TP at East Surrey Hospital could be asked to Chair as she is the main person driving this forward. There are boxes of ICAG forms stored in Tooting, which were used by the South East Coast region. It was suggested that London and SEC could start using them again. SW will discuss with the SEC PBMP to see whether they can take this forward.

Action: SW to discuss with Anwen Davies about re-using ICAG forms

i) London Twitter Account

SK is still very keen to take over the Twitter account.

Action: SW will email the password to SK.

j) Shared Care Action Group

They have only met once, years ago. Denise McKeown is the only constant member of the group. FC did email her about the possibility of restarting the group, but, due to time constraints, she is likely to need support to do this. Brian Robertson was suggested as he is very passionate about shared care. FC will email Denise to see whether she would like extra help.

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There followed a long discussion about Daratumabab monoclonal antibody for Myeloma treatment, which can cause interference with serological testing for blood transfusion. SA highlighted a case where there was a delay in providing crossmatched blood because RCI were not informed the patient had been on this treatment. RCI use a different testing method when determining if the serological reactions are due to Daratumabab. The need for improved communication with laboratories was noted and consideration of this issue by shared care working group.

Post-Meeting Note:

1. SA has sent the addendum to the BSH guidelines below:

Daratumabab and interference with Blood group serology- there is an addendum to the BSH compatibility guidelines with guidance on this
<http://www.b-s-h.org.uk/media/15725/monoclonal-antibodies-addendum.pdf>

2. MH also offered to help with the running of the shared care group.

Action: FC to contact Denise about help in restarting the group

7. Educating Junior Doctors re. Transfusion

ETB explained that the transfusion training junior doctors receive is poor, hence their knowledge is poor. There have been studies in other parts of the world where it has been shown that giving them targeted training increases their knowledge. Simulation training is a very good method of training, but is difficult to set up, so ETB would like to set up something similar to what they have in other parts of the world for F1 and F2 doctors. The training will consist of 2-3 hour sessions, groups of 6 doctors plus a TP, some scenarios to work through, questionnaire to gauge where their knowledge level is at. He will contact post-graduate centres in hospitals directly and ask for any free slots in their training schedules. He will also contact TP's to assist in developing the training. This training will be in addition to the transfusion training at induction. The group is very keen to get this started. ETB to liaise with SW about getting contact details of the TP's and also the post-graduate centres. SK also offered to help.

MH mentioned that TP's already provide this sort of training to junior doctors when they begin their rotation, but she is concerned that the training is not standardised across all hospitals. She thinks that having something more structured and formal would be better, especially as Trusts keep cutting the time allocated for teaching and are providing it via e-learning rather than face-to-face. This would help to back up the importance of face-to-face training for junior doctors.

RW suggested having a resource on the website that hospitals could use to inform them what should be taught to junior doctors.

Action: ETB and SW to liaise about contact details of TP's and post-graduate centres.

8. Any Other Business

a) Irradiated Blood Use at King's College Hospital

RW brought up a concern about neonates receiving irradiated blood unnecessarily at King's College Hospital. This will be discussed further outside of this meeting.

9. Date of Next Meeting

22nd March - St. Mary's Hospital 2 – 4.30pm

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London RTT - Action list for 11th January 2018

Item No (minutes)	Action	By Whom	Completion
2.	Minutes of September meeting to be uploaded to RTC website	AP	Completed
2 (2)	Feedback SHOT shared care formal analysis	SA	
2 (6g)	Send St. Helier consent incident to AP	SK	
2 (7)	Concerns about website to be raised at RTC Chairs meeting	AP/PK	Completed
2 (8a)	Follow up sharing trauma group work with James Uprichard	FC/SW	Completed
2 (8a)	Discuss trainees writing a piece for the website	PK/SK/ETB	
4	Invite Samantha Conran to join the RTT	PK	Completed
6c	Set up telecon	SW	Completed
6c	Forward presentation from anaesthetist at SGH	SK	
6h	Discuss using ICAG forms with SEC PBMP	SW	
6i	Email Twitter password to SK	SW	Completed
6j	Email Denise McKeown about shared care group	FC	Completed
7	Share contact details of TP's and post-graduate centres	ETB/SW	Completed

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